

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for screening a compound or its salt that alters the binding property between [^{125}I][N-(3-(4-hydroxyhydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-met⁴]-MCH(4-19) and SLC-1 or its salt, which comprises:

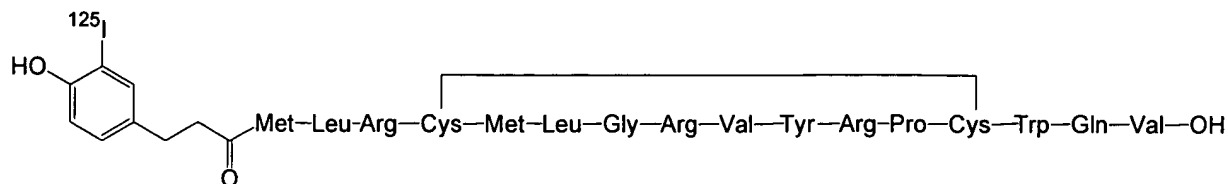
measuring the amount of the [^{125}I][N-(3-(4-hydroxyhydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-met⁴Met⁴]-MCH(4-19) bound to the SLC-1, (i) when the [^{125}I][N-(3-(4-hydroxyhydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-met⁴Met⁴]-MCH(4-19) is brought into contact with the SLC-1 or a salt thereof, and (ii) when a test compound and the [^{125}I][N-(3-(4-hydroxyhydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-met⁴Met⁴]-MCH(4-19) are brought into contact with the SLC-1 or a salt thereof; and

comparing (i) and (ii).

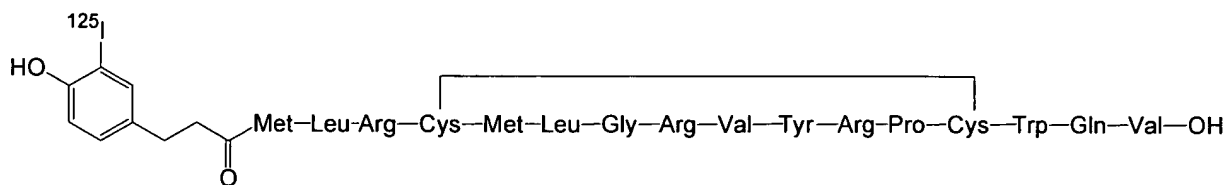
2. (Currently Amended) A kit for screening a compound or its salt that alters the binding property between [^{125}I][N-(3-(4-hydroxyhydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-met⁴Met⁴]-MCH(4-19) and SLC-1 or its salt, which comprises a solution of comprising (a) [^{125}I][N-(3-(4-hydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-met⁴Met⁴]-MCH(4-19) and (b) a buffer.

3-11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently Amended) [^{125}I][N-(3-(4-hydroxyhydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-met⁴Met⁴]-MCH(4-19) which is represented by the following formula:



13. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the [^{125}I][N-(3-(4-hydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-met⁴Met⁴]-MCH(4-19) is represented by the following formula:



14. (Currently Amended) The kit according to claim 2, wherein the [^{125}I][N-(3-(4-hydroxy-3-iodophenyl)propionyl)-met⁴Met⁴]-MCH(4-19) is represented by the following formula:

